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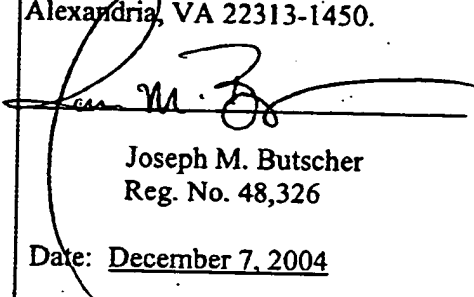
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR MOVING AND
LOCKING A MONITOR
IN A PATIENT SUPPORT
SYSTEM

Art Unit: 3673

Examiner: FREDRICK C. CONLEY

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Examiner Conley:

This Paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2004. The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define patentable subject matter.

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REMARKS

The present application includes claims pending claims 1-7, and 9-21. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9-11, 14, 16, 19, and 21 have been rejected, while claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, and 20 have been objected to. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11, and 16 have been amended, while new claims 24-26 have been added. Claims 2, 13, and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations recited in previously pending claim 2. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations recited in previously pending claim 13. Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations recited in previously pending claim 20. New claim 24 has been added and recites all the limitations recited in previously pending claim 3. New claim 25 has been added and depends from claim 24. New claim 26 has been added and recites all the limitations recited in previously pending claim 5. Thus, the pending claims of the present application should be in condition for allowance.

The fee for new claims 24 and 25 is calculated as follows:

Claims in excess of 20 = 0

2 Independent claims in excess of 3 X \$88/claim = \$176

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicants at the number below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee calculated above, and any other necessary fees, or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

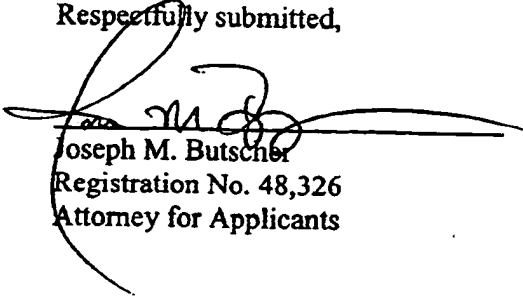
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